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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were pending in the application. Claims 1-14 and 17-19, drawn to non-elected inventions, have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended. New claims 20-22 have been added.

Support for the amendments to claims 15 and 16 and for new claims 20-22 can be found throughout the application as originally filed including, for example, in paragraphs [0108], [0111], [0113], [0120], [0123] and [0217].

No new matter has been added.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 15, 16 and 20-22 will be pending.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-19 are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner required Applicants to elect one of eleven patentably distinct inventions for examination. Although Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that searching more than one invention would not constitute a serious burden, Applicants provisionally elect herein Group VIII, directed to claims 15 and 16 (and new claims 20-22), and drawn to an "antibody which specifically binds to a protein encoded by one of the nucleic acid sequences outlined in Tables 1-40", classified in class 530, subclass 387.1 Applicants specifically elect for examination Group 54 (human STAT5B, SEQ ID NOS: 160-162).

Change of Correspondence Address

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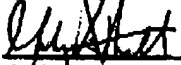
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Conclusion

The examination of the pending claims and passage to allowance are respectfully requested. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (215) 665-6904 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

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